IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

		Re: D.I. 1994
	Debtors.	(Jointly Administered)
BIG LOTS, INC., et al.,1		Case No. 24-11967 (JKS)
In re:		Chapter 11

CERTIFICATION OF COUNSEL REGARDING NOTICE OF FILING OF TENTH POST-CLOSING DESIGNATION NOTICE

The undersigned counsel to the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (the "**Debtors**") hereby certify as follows:

- 1. On January 2, 2025, the Bankruptcy Court entered the *Order (I) Approving the Asset Purchase Agreement, (II) Authorizing and Approving the Sale of Certain of the Debtors'*Assets Free and Clear of All Claims, Liens, Rights, Interests, Encumbrances, and Other Assumed Liabilities and Permitted Encumbrances, (III) Authorizing and Approving the Assumption and Assignment of Certain Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, and (IV) Granting Related Relief [D.I. 1556] (the "Sale Order").²
- 2. On February 17, 2025, pursuant to the Sale Order, the Debtors filed the *Notice of Filing of Tenth Post-Closing Designation Notice* [D.I. 1994] (the "**Notice**"). Attached

The debtors and debtors in possession in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of their respective employer identification numbers, are as follows: Great Basin, LLC (6158); Big Lots, Inc. (9097); Big Lots Management, LLC (7948); Consolidated Property Holdings, LLC (0984); Broyhill LLC (7868); Big Lots Stores - PNS, LLC (5262); Big Lots Stores, LLC (6811); BLBO Tenant, LLC (0552); Big Lots Stores - CSR, LLC (6182); CSC Distribution LLC (8785); Closeout Distribution, LLC (0309); Durant DC, LLC (2033); AVDC, LLC (3400); GAFDC LLC (8673); PAFDC LLC (2377); WAFDC, LLC (6163); INFDC, LLC (2820); Big Lots eCommerce LLC (9612); and Big Lots F&S, LLC (3277). The address of the debtors' corporate headquarters is 4900 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43081.

² Capitalized terms not defined herein are used as defined in the Sale Order.

as <u>Exhibit A</u> to the Notice was the *Notice of Designation of Designated Asset* from Gordon Brothers Retail Partners, LLC ("GBRP") that designated sixteen of the Debtors' unexpired leases of nonresidential real property (the "Leases" on the "Lease Schedule") for assumption by the Debtors and assignment to the identified purchasers,³ and identified the landlord associated with each Lease.

- 3. Attached as <u>Exhibit D</u> to the Notice was a proposed form of order (the "**Proposed Order**") approving the assumption and assignment for the Leases scheduled on the Lease Schedule and fixing the Cure Costs at the amounts set forth on Exhibit B to the Notice.
- 4. Pursuant to the Notice, objections to the assumption and assignment of the Leases were to be filed no later than March 3, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. (ET).
- 5. Prior to the objection deadline, The Debtors and GBRP received informal comments from the landlord for store # 1195, located at 257 West New Rd., Somers Point, NJ 08244 (the "Landlord" of the "Property").
- 6. GBRP and the proposed assignee for the Property, Ocean State Job Lot of NJ2025, LLC ("OSJL"), have reached a consensual agreement with the Landlord for the Property, and the parties have agreed on a revised form of order (the "Revised Order"). GBRP, OSJL and the Landlord have all reviewed the Revised Order and consent to its entry.
- 7. The Revised Order is attached as **Exhibit 1** hereto. For the convenience of the Court and all parties in interest, a redline comparing the Revised Order to Proposed Order is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter the Revised Order at its earliest convenience.

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Only the lease of store # 1195 is subject to this certification of counsel.

Dated: April 30, 2025 Wilmington, Delaware

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